

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for August 18, 2011

1. At 8:03 AM Charles opened the meeting. The following attended part or all of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Richard Vidal (member), Simon Carr (member), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Bill Ackerley, Steve Doig and John Dickinson (Public).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the meetings of August 11th and 17th were approved.
 - b. There was no manifest.
 - a. A yield tax assessment was signed for Kristina Fjeld Olenec for \$56.33 Map 407, Lot 22.
 - b. An Intent-to-Cut was signed for Margaret and Dave Caffry Map 414 Lot 30.200
 - c. A Veteran's Exemption was signed for Jay Cary, 30 N. Thetford Rd.
 - d. The Board signed the amendment to Holden's contract.
 - e. The Board signed an updated contract with Harper Environmental, as required by the State.
 - f. Simon reported on the Planning Board meeting of Thursday 11th:
 - i. There had been a public hearing to consider removal of trees on River Rd. This had been agreed to by the Board, with the requirement that the work be undertaken in such a manner as not to diminish the scenic value of the road. The abutters, Carola Lea and Marselis Parsons had requested to keep the wood as firewood. This will require a revision to the bids.
 - ii. Colin Robinson had requested a joint meeting of the Planning Board and ZBA to consider Dowd's Country Inn's application for a variance. The Planning Board had rejected this, arguing that it was more appropriate for them to take up the Site Plan Review once the ZBA had considered the zoning issue.
 - g. Charles reported on the Energy Committee meeting of Monday 15th:
 - i. There were concerns that the town was not moving forward as fast as the committee wished especially with respect to improved insulation in the fire station.
 - ii. The boy scouts had agreed that the energy committee fair could be held at the same time as the final flea market in September.
 - h. Patty raised two issues with the Transfer Station:
 - i. There had been complaints about the height of some of the dumpsters, which made dumping extremely difficult. These dumpster have bins in front of them into which citizens may dump their recyclables and the staff will load such bins in to the dumpsters. Lance had been asked to put signs with these bins explaining the procedure.
 - ii. Patty asked what was the position with a former resident using the recycling. As we currently receive revenue only from scrap metal and fibers, recycling of commingled containers costs the town money and non-residents should be stopped from doing such recycling. It is the responsibility of the town where they live.

2. River Road:
 - a. A proposed schedule up to the public meeting had been received from Holden. This was reviewed and comments will be passed back to Holden.
 - b. Charles agreed to contact Bill Waste with regard to moderating the public meeting.
 - c. Simon reported that he had received a request from Gil Tyler, Carola Lea's neighbor to consider removing some trees from the bank adjoining her property. The Board considered this request but felt that this was extending the road work outside the region that they considered as essential work and therefore rejected her request.
3. The Board asked for comments from the public. Steve Doig asked about the energy committee and was given the information of their meeting schedule and the link on the town website.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder

River Road Timeline.

Date	Event: brief summary. Further information in BOS minutes at Town Offices
April 30/May 1, 2011	Heavy river flow washes out a portion of River Rd.
May 2, 2011	BOS meet in emergency session. Vote to authorize tree-cutting if necessary (scenic road) and vote to close road with jersey barriers.
May 5, 2011	BOS appoint Holden to undertake initial investigation.
May 19, 2011	Holden reported on two possible approaches for re-instating the road. Both options exceed the town's emergency highway CRF. The failure did not fall within FEMA funds.
May 27, 2011	Simon and Shaun meet with Grafton County Commissioner Ray Burton, Rene Pelletier (DES Wetlands Commissioner), Steve Couture (DES), Richard Roach (Army Corps of Engineers) and Bill Rossignol (Holden). It was made clear there were no state or federal funds available, also that no work could extend the bank in to the river. The advice was to move the road and stabilize the bank.
June 10, 2011	Mailing to all residents confirming that the road will currently remain closed. A public meeting will be held September 14 to lay out all the options, but any votes will have to wait until Town Meeting.
June 16 and June 23, 2011	Citizens request that the road be re-opened to single-track traffic. BOS review the costs and ask Holden to consider this option.
June 22, 2011	NRCS visits the Tullar Farm and views the road.
June 23, 2011	Holden reports that the road is not safe, even as a single-line road. NRCS writes to Shirley Tullar giving her possible grant program information. Also concurs in not re-opening the road.
June 27, 2011	Shirley Tullar passes NRCS information to Selectman Simon Carr.
June 28 and June 29, 2011	BOS staff (Dina) contact NRCS, submit initial verbal notification of application for funds, subsequently followed up with emailed notification to ensure application is within 60 day limit.
July 5, 2011	NRCS staff visits the site and discuss the procedures with staff in respect of the town application for funds. Peter Holden and Simon Carr meet with the adjoining landowners and Upper Valley Land Trust to discuss the possible relocation of the road and the effect of this on their land. Following their provisional agreement, Holden will now prepare a proposed scope of work for submission to the Board.
July 14, 2011	The Board meets with Bill Rossignol (Holden) to review which trees should be removed to ensure the stability of the riverbank.
July 15, 2011	Coos and Grafton counties are declared disaster areas for the May 26-30 rain event, but this does not cover the earlier event. The Board will endeavor to see if they can obtain a waiver, which would cover the earlier event.
August 4, 2011	Collis Adams (DES) meets with the Board and Bill Rossignol (Holden) and accepts the schedule of trees to be removed with minor amendments.
August 11, 2011	Planning Board holds a public hearing for removing trees affecting the bank stability and agrees to do so with conditions.